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HISTORICAL TOURIST SPOTS CONNECTED BY THE PALACE ON WHEEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The names of the historical tourist spots connected by the 'Palace on Wheel' train;

(b) The time table of the train;

(c) The revenues earned by railway from it;

(d) The amount invested in the 'Palace on Wheel' by the Department of Tourism and Railway,

(e) Whether the Government have decided to run the 'Palace on Wheel' on metre gauge in Gujarat and Rajasthan; and

(f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) The names of the historical tourist spots connected by the Palace on Wheels are Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Sawai Madhopur, Chittaurgarh, Udaipur and Agra.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) The revenue earned by the Railways during 1998-99 to 2000-01 is around Rs. 25.63 crores.

(d) The Railways and the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) invested Rs. 19.60 crores in the Palace on Wheels train.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. The spare Metre Gauge rake of the earlier Palace onWheels, which was running in the Rajasthan sector, was utilized, after the gauge conversion in that sector, to form the Royal Orient Express to run in Gujarat and Rajasthan in collaboration with M/s Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. (TCGL). The train has been running since 1995.